# 2012 ELECTION CALENDAR



- Sunday, January 1, 2012
  - Earliest day for June Primary Election or independent candidates to circulate nominating petitions, including independent presidential candidates.

- March 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - Weeks in which county auditor must publish the notice of deadline for filing nominating petitions.
  - ARSD 5:02:04:17



- Tuesday, March 27, 2012
  - Last day to file Primary Election nominating petitions.
  - Last day nominees for party precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman may file statement of candidacy with the county auditor.
  - Last day for sheriff candidates who filed a primary nominating petition to file a certificate of qualification with county auditor.



- Thursday, March 29, 2012
  - Last day for candidates to file for withdrawal from the Primary Election.
  - ARSD 5:02:07:05

- Wednesday, April 18, 2012
  - Deadline for Primary Election ballots to be printed and in the county auditor's possession.

- Friday, April 20, 2012
  - Absentee voting may begin.

- - Weeks for notice of voter registration deadline.
  - ARSD 5:02:04:04

- May 21<sup>st</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup> June 1st, 2012
  - Weeks in which county auditor must publish the notice of election.
  - ARSD 5:02:04:16

- Monday, May 21, 2012
  - Deadline for voter registration for the Primary Election on June 5, 2012.



- May 28<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012
  - Week for publication of facsimile ballot.
  - Instructions to voters regarding voting rights to be published with the facsimile ballot for Primary Election.
  - ARSD 5:02:05:02.01



- Tuesday, June 5, 2012
  - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
    - No applications for absentee ballots may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day.
    - Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State or county auditor for all offices except President.

- Wednesday, September 19, 2012
  - Deadline for all General Election ballots to be printed and in the county auditor's possession.



- Friday, September 21, 2012
  - Absentee voting may begin.

- October 1st 6th & 8th 12th, 2012
  - Weeks for notice of voter registration deadline.
  - ARSD 5:02:04:04

- Monday, October 22, 2012
  - Voter registration deadline for the General Election.

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> & October 29<sup>th</sup> –
  November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012
  - Weeks in which the county auditor must publish the notice of the General Election.
  - ARSD 5:02:04:05



- October 29th November 3rd, 2012
  - Week for publication of facsimile ballots.
  - Instructions to voters regarding voting rights to be published with the facsimile ballot for the General Election.
  - ARSD 5:02:05:02.01



- Tuesday, November 6, 2012
  - GENERAL ELECTION DAY
    - No applications for absentee ballots may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day.



- Monday, November 12, 2012
  - Last day for the county canvass of election returns.
  - County auditors must immediately send a certified copy of the official county canvass to the Secretary of State as the official returns of the election.

- Thursday, November 15, 2012
  - Last day for filing a recount petition by county and legislative candidates, assuming the county canvass was completed on November 12.
  - ARSD 5:02:19:05
  - County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount.